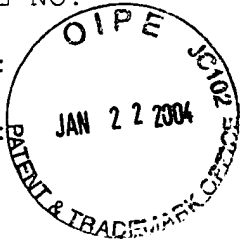


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                            EPITAXIAL SILICON LAYER AND METHOD FOR  
                            PRODUCING THE SAME



PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, for three months from OCTOBER 25, 2003 until JANUARY 25, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$ 950.00, covering the fee for a three-month Extension for a Large Entity is enclosed herewith. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosure: 1) Check for \$950.00 for Large Entity

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.53 Request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date January 13, 2004 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label No. EV 413 36 3509 US addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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